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**Letter dated 5 November 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to
the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement and on behalf of the 118 members of the Movement.

The members of the Non-Aligned Movement condemn the act of aggression committed by forces of the United States of America in Iraq against the Syrian Arab Republic on Sunday, 26 October 2008, which targeted a civilian building at the Sukkariyah farm in the city of Abu Kamal and resulted in the death of eight Syrian civilians and injured one person.

The members of the Non-Aligned Movement deplore the loss of civilian lives and condemn this act, which constitutes a grave violation of international law and Syrian sovereignty and a violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which provides that all Member States shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

The Movement reiterates that the violation of the territorial integrity of any sovereign State is unacceptable. The members of the Movement condemn in the strongest terms any form of violation of the territorial integrity of any State.

The Movement expresses its deep concern over the negative consequences of this action on the peace, security and stability of the region. It also reaffirms its full solidarity with the people and Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The members of the Non-Aligned Movement condemn and protest this act and expect the Security Council to assume its responsibility as stipulated in the Charter of the United Nations in order to prevent any repetition of this grave violation and to hold the aggressor accountable for the killing of innocent Syrian citizens, with a view to maintaining security and stability in the Middle East.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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